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This is in response to communications with applicant's attorney, Matthew Newboles, the most recent of which occurred on February 20, 2001. A review of the record indicates that a Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address was filed on November 1, 1999, but was not entered until February 23, 2001. Accordingly, applicant did not receive any intervening communications from the USPTO.

On June 20, 2000, applicant responded to the outstanding Office Action of December 15, 1999. However, this communication was held non-responsive by the examiner since it was directed to amending canceled claim 1. Notice of this non-responsive amendment was mailed by the examiner on July 3, 2000, and again on November 21, 2000. Since it is clear that applicant has not received either of these communications, a new time period will be established as set forth below.

The reply filed on June 20, 2000 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendment was directed to canceled claim 1. See 37 CFR 1.126 and 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Attachment: copy of the 7/3/00 communication

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